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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. IWATA, et al.

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Title: A PRODUCING METHOD AND A PRODUCING APPARATUS OF A  
DIGITAL TOPOGRAPHIC METHOD

Group: 2628

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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2;

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3;

**Remarks** begin on page 11; and

**Authorization** is included on page 20; and

**Drawing corrections** are reflected on the attached replacement sheet.